

Minutes

Albany NH Selectmen's Meeting

May 11, 2011

At 2:55 p.m., the Selectmen's meeting was called to order. In attendance were Sara Young-Knox, Jack Rose and Joe Ferris. Also present was Steve Knox. The following business was conducted.

Regular Business:

- Reviewed & approved May 4 minutes-Jack made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted, Joe seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- Signed checks totaling \$7,891.18.
- Reviewed & approved two building permits.
- Reviewed memo from Rob Nadler (Land Governance Board, Chair).
Reviewed extension of temporary hearing.
- Reviewed letter from NHDES regarding illegal burning on High St.
- Reviewed letter from Time Warner Cable.

Land Governance Board:

Sara noted Albany was not rewarded with the much anticipated Scenic Byways grant. Jack reported an extension on the agreement with Kennett was received until September 12. The memo from Rob noted that the Board will not seek to reapply for the Scenic Byway grant because they did not think they would qualify.

1854 NH Route 16:

Jack recalled giving April Gilcreast, owner of 1854 NH Route 16, one year to have her dilapidated house torn down and in the meanwhile, placing a fence around it for the safety of the public. Jack said the fencing has become tattered and April should be reminded of the terms she was given. Joe thought April was given two years before having to have the house taken down. Sara said a letter should be sent asking April to fix the tattered fence and remind her of the time period she has until the house is to be demolished.

Steve Knox:

Steve discussed with the Board a meeting he had with Charlie French, who works for UNH Cooperative Extension. Charlie's expertise is community

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sustainability and economic development. Steve told Charlie about the recent Planning Board survey and its results, saying Albany property owners want little or no growth and no industrial sites. Steve asked Charlie if he would be willing to come up to an informal meeting with the Selectboard, the Planning Board and the Land Governance Board to discuss any ideas he may have to assist Albany. Charlie accepted Steve's invitation. Steve thought Charlie may be able to bring in resources from UNH to localize our economic development and would love to have Albany partner with them for any projects they may come up with. Steve added there is no commitment on Albany's part and it could be of great benefit. He is asking for the Board of Selectmen to agree to meet with Charlie.

Jack said he thought it was a good idea and worthwhile as a group of Boards, maybe opening up to the public also. Sara suggested making it a pot luck supper so it will be more informal and friendly. Jack asked if everyone thought there would be enough interest. Joe thought there wouldn't be much interest other than the Boards.

Joe made a motion to meet with Charlie French, Jack seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Steve told the Board he recently visited Rob Nadler at his place of business, Ragged Mountain. Rob takes orders from his employees for food from a distribution company. He showed Steve a catalog the employees choose from. Rob told Steve there are many items that are big money savers. Steve thought this idea would be great to expand through Albany. Someone could take orders and collect money and the food could be picked up at a certain designation. Joe said he tries to keep his purchase of fresh produce locally because he wants to know where it comes from but would like to see what they offer. Jack would like to look through the catalog and see if the prices are comparable. Sara agreed to have Steve explore the options.

David Urey:

The Board of Selectmen would like to express their grief for Donna Urey and her family on the loss of David. David Urey was a former Albany Selectman, who served from 1998 until 2001. In 1999, David donated his Selectman salary toward the purchase of the Town of Albany sign located on Route 16 on the Tamworth border. The Board would like to express their gratitude for all of David's contributions to the Town of Albany.

Website Upgrade:

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The AA informed the Board of a meeting she had with Carla from AlpineWeb, who hosts Albany's website. There is new technology available that would make updated the website easier. This includes remote access. Currently, in order to update the website the AA must be at the office computer using the software on that computer which is not very user friendly. Carla estimates the switchover to cost \$600. There is not an allocation for this expense however it could be covered under contingency. Sara thought this issue should be tabled so the Board could take some time to look at the links of templates Carla had forwarded. Jack and Joe agreed.

At 3:50 p.m., Sara made a motion to adjourn, Jack seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Vizard
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